

# Abstract

A device and a method are described for programming a controller (51) by transferring software (11) using a copy-protected plug-in memory unit (100).

Software (11), controller software in particular, is stored encrypted in the copy-

5 protected plug-in memory unit (100). Software (11) may be transferred from a central device to a controller (51) of a vehicle (5) in a particularly simple manner using the portable copy-protected plug-in memory unit (100). Due to the simple handling of the copy-protected plug-in memory unit (100), a controller (51) may be reprogrammed even by a layman.

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